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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NEW PANAM SCHEDULE

REF: BRUSSELS 2043

1. WE MET APRIL 17 WITH FONMIN (PERDIEUS, CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION SECTION) AND CIVAIR (BUYSCHAERT, DERENNE) OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS GOB DECISION ON PANAM PROPOSED NEW SCHEDULE BRUSSELS- MOSCOW, WARSAW, DUSSELDORF, BUDAPEST, BUCHAREST. BELGIANS TOLD US GOB HAS DECIDED TO DENY PANAM RIGHT TO INTRODUCE NEW SCHEDULE FOR WARSAW AND MOSCOW AND WILL SO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. WE PRESENTED ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN DEPARTMENT TELS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DISTINCTION BETWEEN AGREEMENT RIGHTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRIBUTION BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. BELGIANS MENTIONED THAT DISTINCTION NOT RELEVANT IN THIS SITUATION, SINCE THEY MAINTAIN MOSCOW AND WARSAW SERVICE FROM BRUSSELS WAS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM EXISTING AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AND THEREFORE CANNOT NOW BE UNILATERALLY GRANTED TO U. S. AUTHORITIES. THEIR ARGUMENT BASED ON INCLUSION OF MOSCOW AS TERMINAL POINT IN AMSTERDAM ROUTE STRUCTURE WHICH, THEY MAINTAIN, WAS CLEAR STATEMENT THAT USG EXCLUDED THOSE POINTS FROM PROVISION OF U. S.- BELGIAN AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR SERVICE TO INTERMEDIATE POINTS ENROUTE TO INDIA (SEE PARA 3 BRUSSELS 1082).

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3. BELGIAN OFFICIALS MADE SPECIAL POINT EMPHASIZING THAT BELGIAN DECISION NOT TAKEN WITH DESIRE TO DAMAGE U. S.- BELGIAN CIVAIR RELATIONS WHICH THEY NOW CONSIDER EXCELLENT AND WHICH THEY ANXIOUS TO KEEP AMICABLE. THEY ALSO STATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON THIS QUESTION.

4. PANAM BRUSSELS INFORMED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.
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